



CELEBRATING OUR 8TH YEAR

April 15, 2019

The City Leaders Academy is now taking applications for its 2019/2020 Academy session. This leadership program is for middle school students (6th-8th grade). The City Leaders Academy, launched in 2012, introduces a select group of middle school students to the people and places that make Columbus the great opportunity city. Our program year begins with a week-long, **MANDATORY** "boot" camp, *Discovering Columbus*, August 5 - August 9, 2019, from 8:30am-5:00pm. Drop off location for each day of camp will be the Jerry Hammond Building, 1111 E. Broad Street (at Ohio). The Academy sessions are held, September – May, the third Saturday of each month, 12noon-3pm. Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at noon. Location tbd.

This leadership academy is designed to educate and encourage middle school youth to become model citizens and future leaders of our great city. We select up to 20 youth to participate with the Academy. For the upcoming program year, our curriculum will change and focus on ***The Best in You - Youth Leadership Development Program!*** We invite you to apply to the City Leaders Academy. The ideal candidate for the program should exhibit leadership abilities at school and within the community and really want to be part of this great opportunity. Selection criteria is as follows:

- **Must be a city of Columbus resident** (If you are currently receiving City of Columbus trash & recycling services you are eligible).
- Must be entering the 6 - 8th grade Fall 2019.
- **Only one child per household** is eligible.
- Must **maintain** a 3.0 grade point average in school (an updated grade card must be submitted each grading period); students who will enter the 6th grade in the fall may also submit a report card and a letter from a teacher or administrator verifying it equates to a 3.0 GPA.
- Parent/Guardian must approve participation by fully completing all paperwork and agreeing to comply with program guidelines as well as attending the **mandatory orientation with their child**.
- The selection process also includes a one-on-one personal interview with the applicant with program coordinator(s) during the orientation session.
- Submission of a letter from a teacher or administrator acknowledging youth's leadership abilities.
- Students must submit two written essays (information on application) responding to questions on leadership.
- The entire year (August – April) which includes the "boot camp," equates to a total of 61 hours. The boot camp is **MANDATORY** and **YOUTH CAN NOT MISS MORE THAN 2 CITY LEADERS ACADEMY SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR.** If so, the youth will not be able to graduate from the Academy. Therefore, **the requirement for graduation is at least 55 hours.**

It's very important that you check your calendars before applying. Youth participation is imperative and parents we rely on you to get them to all meetings and events.

The City Leaders Academy and related activities are **FREE** for all participants. The City Leaders may be asked to pack lunch on some days during camp and during the school year season but most meals are provided by the program. We try to accommodate special diet needs as much as possible. **Attendance is mandatory** for both the ***Discovering Columbus Camp*** (five weekdays, 8:30am-5pm) and **City Leaders Academy monthly meetings** (3rd Saturday of each month, September – May, from 12pm-3pm). On occasion we do have a few opportunities to participate in events that fall outside of our regular meeting dates such as community service projects during the holidays. We encourage your youth to participate if possible, yet not mandatory.

The **application deadline is Friday, June 14, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.** Selected youth will be notified by **July 5, 2019**. Mail or drop off your applications to: Sheri-Lynn Wynn, Program Director, City Leaders Academy, 1111 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact her at slwynn@columbus.gov or 614.645.3330. Thank you for helping us cultivate our next generation of city leaders.

Key Dates to Remember. Only apply if you can make all these dates:

Application Deadline: June 14, 2019

Parents/Youth Notified: July 5, 2019

Mandatory Parent/Youth Orientation and interviews: July 20, 2019 (@1111 E. Broad Street)

Mandatory Discovering Columbus "boot" Camp: August 5-9, 2019(drop off each day @ 1111 E. Broad Street



City Leaders Academy 2019/2020 Application

Student Essay Questions

Applicants must respond and submit two separate essay questions typed in MLA format (12pt, Times New Roman font, double spaced). Each question response must be at least 250 words in length. Please attach both essay questions to the completed City Leaders application. **Incomplete applications submitted will not be considered.**

Q1: An important focus of City Leaders Academy The Best in You Youth Leadership Program is to expand a student's understanding of the contribution they can make to themselves, their racial and/or ethnic group, their family, school, worship center and the community in which they live and to prepare for life-long learning. Please tell us in at least 250 words how you have already made a substantial impact on any/all of the above with your leadership abilities.

Q2: Inspired by the city leadership, select an individual from Columbus that you would consider to be a great community leader. Discuss the qualities this individual has that makes them a leader along with the things they have done as a leader to positively impact their community. Be sure to explain why you chose this individual and how they have been a leader in your life. The leader you choose to write about may be of any age, from the past or present, you can know them personally or they can be well-known in the **Columbus** area.

Applicants are expected to respond to essay questions in their own words.

Responses plagiarized or written by someone other than the applicant will be removed from the selection process.

2019/2020 APPLICATION

Participant

Youth name: _____ Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Birth date: ____/____/____ Age: ____ School in Fall _____ GPA: ____ Entering Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Child's Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail (Required): _____ (our preferred method of contact)

Child resides primarily with (circle one): Mother/ Father/Mother and Father/Other: _____

Emergency contacts (other than parents)

NAME	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Relationship
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Photography Release

The staff, the media, and programming partners with permission from the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, may photograph or videotape my child for educational and public relations purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parents and family members of the City Leaders may attend the sessions however do we have your permission to photograph and videotape you? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Field Trip, Routine and Activity Release

I give permission for my child to participate in all field trips and activities offered by the City Leaders Program. These trips will include what is listed on the agenda, however, may be subject to change. I also authorize the City of Columbus to do everything necessary to make sure of my child's health and safety in case of an emergency. I agree to not hold the City of Columbus, staff and sponsors of the program responsible for property damage or injury that results from my child's participation in this program.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received: _____

Staff Initials _____